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 For: Ablation of Exterior of Stomach to Treat Obesity

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2005, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested. Please amend the above- identified application as indicated on the attached pages.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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